(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that only six FIRs lodged in 9 months by Railways whereas Railways spends huge amount on repairing etc.; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to make damaging of Railway properties non-bailable crime and impose severe penalties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) No, Sir. There have been stray incidents of Damage of Railway property and stone pelting on train. During the year 2009 (upto October). 92 cases have been reported over zonal Railways for which FIRs were lodged with concerned Government Railway Police Station/Local Police Station/Railway Protection Force Post.

(d) The offence of damage to Railway property is non-bailable as defined is section 151, 152 of The Railways Act, 1989.

Damage to railway property

†1029. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the loss occurred to railways property by the activities of naxalists, maoists and terrorists;

(b) the list of such losses, area-wise;

(c) the number of cases out of them against which Government filed the case in court;

(d) the economic loss occurred to Railways due to dharnas, protests and accidents during the last three years; and

(e) the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Facilities for senior citizens

†1030. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of her Ministry whereby senior citizens would be allotted lower berth at the time of booking of railway ticket; and

(b) whether Government has any solution to difficulties being faced by senior citizens on this count despite various facilities provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Following provisions have been made to facilitate senior citizens in getting lower berth:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.